

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 51

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35—Relative to United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 35, Florez. United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert Memorial Highway.

This measure would name a specified portion of State Highway Route 198 as the United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

WHEREAS, The Kings County Board of Supervisors has approved adoption of a resolution proposing that a section of State Highway Route 198 in Lemoore be named in honor of the late United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert, a long-time Lemoore resident who was killed during the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The section of State Highway Route 198 proposed to be named in honor of Otis Tolbert would stretch from 18th Avenue in Lemoore to 25th Avenue near Lemoore, and the portion of the highway that would bear his name directly correlates to his life, starting at Lemoore High School, his alma mater, and ending at the Lemoore Naval Air Station, a reference to his naval career; and

WHEREAS, A 1980 graduate of Lemoore High School where he was a track and field star, Otis Tolbert was awarded a football scholarship to California State University, Fresno (CSUF), where he played defensive end for the Fresno State Bulldogs football team, and graduated in 1985 with a degree in criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, After leaving CSUF, Otis Tolbert joined the United States Navy and advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Commander for the Defense Intelligence Agency; and

WHEREAS, Otis Tolbert was known for his signature smile, his strength, his leadership, and for being true to his word, and he was devoted to his family and friends and to his country; and

WHEREAS, Otis Tolbert was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in a military ceremony of honor with appropriate regalia for a respected and valued Naval officer; and

WHEREAS, Otis Tolbert is survived by his wife, Shari; his three children, Amanda, Brittany, and Anthony Tolbert; his parents, Otis and Nancy Tolbert; and his brothers, Daniel and Chris Tolbert; and

WHEREAS, The naming of the proposed section of State Highway Route 198 in Lemoore would be a fitting tribute to an individual who brought immense pride and distinction to the community, and who gave his life serving his countrymen; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the late United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert, whose stellar service to the United States of America will long be remembered, be memorialized, and that the portion of State Highway Route 198 from 18th Avenue in Lemoore to 25th Avenue near Lemoore, California, be named the United States Navy Lieutenant Commander Otis Vincent Tolbert Memorial Highway in his honor; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.

